

Mental Health Guardianship Subcommittee

*Benchmarks
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- Guardianship is seeing an ongoing increase in younger population, including foster children who age out of care when 18
- **CHALLENGES**
 - Long term needs
 - Dually Diagnosed,
 - Significant MH/SA/DD needs
 - Limited available services for IDD/MH population
 - System service array not conducive to dually diagnosed

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- Specialized skills to manage the care
 - Crossing specialized government organizational structures
 - Need for appropriate staffing levels
 - Need for specialized training and/or partnership in care coordination
- Impact of moving under Managed Care
 - Transfer of Cases
 - Medicaid County of Origin Issues

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- Lack of available support services
 - IPRS \$
 - Innovations Waiver Slots
 - Timely Quality Assessments
 - Loss of Care Coordination –
 - Low cost/ intensity service = Community stability and cost savings
 - Lack of available day services, outpatient treatment, daily med management, In-home services
 - Impacts natural guardians – transfer authority to state entity

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Recommendations

- Development of Care Coordination
- Increased funding for IPRS services and for available slots on the Innovation Waiver
 - Establish greater access to day services and that support dually diagnosed individuals
 - Establish greater access to outpatient treatment, med management and other supports off daily living
- Support training for guardians of individuals with specialized needs (dually diagnosed included)